

Teamwork was the key to the Hillers' successful season. Led on the court by senior co-captains Connie Chace and Jen Sanborn, every player added to the Hillers' fairy tale season: senior Kelley Connelly, juniors Allison Azar and Shawna McCabe, sophomores Katie Baldiga, Taylor Chance, Julia Weaver, Lindsey Dragin, and freshmen Lauren Aulds, Erika Steele, Callie Nealon and Jackie Pappas. And of course, special recognition must be extended to Coach Dick Bliss for his inspirational leadership.

Mr. Speaker, it is with tremendous pride that I recognize the exceptional student-athletes of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Varsity Basketball team for an unforgettable season. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in years to come.

HEATHER HAGAN—AMERICAN  
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HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, in a time of crisis, many of us choose not to get involved. Mr. Speaker, we've all read the newspaper headlines when someone has witnessed a crime or even saw someone get injured and they chose not to get involved because they didn't want to complicate their lives.

Today, I rise to pay tribute to someone who acted differently, bravely. Heather Hagan personifies a hero's life. She chose to get involved and in the end saved a woman's life. At 15 years old, Heather showed incredible intuition, caring, and determination for one so young.

On March 12, as she was doing her daily rounds delivering The Herald to her customers on her paper route, she noticed something different at the home of Josephine McCutcheon. The newspapers were piled up against the door, unclaimed for several days. Additionally, Heather realized she had not seen the 81-year-old woman in days.

Heather completed her route. She thought about how odd it was that Mrs. McCutcheon had not picked up her newspaper or even stopped delivery if she was going out of town. Worried, she called the elderly woman's house but the line was busy.

Heather chose not to let it end there. She knew something was not right so she returned to the home of the former Mercer councilwoman and county commissioner. There was no response when she knocked at the door. Sensing something was wrong, Heather contacted the local authorities, who found Mrs. McCutcheon lying on the floor of the house after a fall, unable to summon help.

Mr. Speaker, in a time when the news is full of stories of insensitive and selfish people, they have not been introduced to teens such as Heather Hagan. She broke the mold. She gives me hope for the coming generations.

The easy thing to do would've been for Heather to do her job and leave it at that. But she, in the immortal words of Robert Frost, took the road less traveled by, going out of

her way, having a dramatic impact on someone's life. I would like to say thank you to Heather—she is truly a treasure to our community.

HONORING THE INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the International Year of Volunteers. The United Nations General Assembly has designated the year 2001 to encourage and advance the concept of volunteer service.

In Humboldt County, California, the North Coast Regional Network for Service and Volunteerism was founded to facilitate and improve effective volunteer efforts. The North Coast Regional Network joins other volunteer groups throughout the nation in working to promote and strengthen volunteerism. Hundreds of California's North Coast residents enthusiastically volunteer their time to enhance the quality of life in our community. They work in a wide variety of non-profit organizations, educational institutions, senior and youth programs, the arts and health services.

Mr. Speaker, the International Year of Volunteers recognizes and honors the voluntary commitment of individuals and groups who contribute their time and resources and share their skills to build better communities. For that reason, Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor the efforts of the North Coast Regional Network, and all volunteers, for their dedication to community service.

GOODBYE MRS. CULLEN

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, as we in Congress and in the Executive Branch intensify our efforts better to support public education in this country, we should be sure to continue to focus on teachers as the central element in this effort. The dedicated men and women who have entered the teaching profession over the years deserve far better treatment than we have given them. Too often they are inadequately compensated, and given too little to work with in the way of resources. Despite that, large numbers of talented, intelligent, creative individuals have continued to go into the teaching profession because of their love of learning and their concern for young people.

In June, one individual who is an excellent example of this tradition will be retiring.

Patricia Cullen is a sixth grade teacher at the Wareham Middle School in Wareham, Massachusetts and she will be enjoying a well deserved retirement after 33 years of dedicated teaching at the end of this year. In the words of Judith Bruno of the Wareham Middle School staff, speaking on behalf of the faculty

and staff of the school, "Mrs. Cullen is a dedicated, caring and loving teacher to all of her students. She focuses on her student's strengths and positive attributes instead of the negatives. Pat helps her students to strive, to achieve, and to be successful in their endeavors. All her students love and respect her. The faculty and staff have the same feelings for her and trust me when I say we have mixed emotions about her leaving. We are happy for the new chapter beginning in her life but saddened to see her leave us."

Ms. Bruno continues, "Mrs. Cullen is truly a remarkable woman and a credit to the teaching profession. Pat Cullen truly personifies what a teacher should be."

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply committed to providing more resources at the federal level so that Patricia Cullen, her colleagues, and those who will join this profession can do an even better job than they have been doing. But in addition to the material resources which we owe these dedicated public servants, we owe them better recognition as well for the job they do in often difficult circumstances. I am delighted to join Patricia Cullen's students and colleagues in recognizing her excellent work, and wishing her well.

HONORING THE 270TH BIRTHDAY  
OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY,  
VIRGINIA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Prince William County, Virginia, which will be celebrating its 270th birthday on March 20, 2001.

Prince William County was established by the Virginia General Assembly on July 9, 1730, when the population increased to a point that the formation of a new county was necessary. It took several months for the legislation to become law. In 1731, Prince William County was recognized as a county and included Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Loudon and Fauquier. Named for William Augustus, the second son of King George II, the county was cut to its current size in 1759. Within the county there are also two independent cities, Manassas and Manassas Park.

The citizens of Prince William County are continually contributing to the country's history and cultural heritage. The county was home to some of the nation's first European settlements. Many of the first arrivals to the county were of Irish descent. They settled on vacant plots and began to farm, aided only by convicts who had been sent from England. It also played an important role in the American Revolution by aiding in the formation of the new country.

Prince William County was the site of many Civil War battles. One of the most notable of the Civil War conflicts was the Battle of First Manassas, which was the first major encounter between the North and South. The Manassas Battlefields are now National Parks visited by thousands every summer.